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Town to Institute New Fire Inspection Fee

A new fire inspection fee of \$50 for businesses, institutions and multifamily dwellings will start Oct. 1 by direction of the Town Council and in accordance with the fiscal year 2014-15 operating budget.

The Town had provided state-mandated fire inspections to the business community at no cost for over 25 years. However, due to a slow economic recovery, the Town Council decided to institute a fire inspection fee to recover some of the cost of providing that service.

The \$50 fee covers the initial inspection and one reinspection. Additional reinspection fees are \$80 per visit. That fee had already been in place prior to this fiscal year.

The purpose of the state's Fire Prevention Code is to establish the minimum requirements for providing a reasonable level of life safety and property protection from the hazards of fire, explosion or dangerous conditions in new and existing buildings, structures and premises, and to provide safety to firefighters and emergency responders during emergency operations.

The provisions of the Fire Prevention Code apply to the repair, equipment, use, occupancy and maintenance of every existing building or structure, other than one- or two-family dwellings and townhouses. The provisions of the fire prevention code also apply to the installation of fire protection systems.

For more information about fire inspections, please call (919) 773-4428.

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